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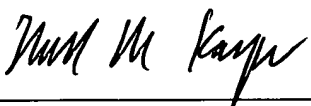
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Recognition of PCT national phase status or, respectively, continuation or continuation-in-part status under the PCT Treaty and/or of the claimed priority date of 4th June 1999 is respectfully requested for the patent application documents in the above captioned matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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 Title: IMPROVEMENTS TO A CUTTING ATTACHEMENT

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- <X> Form PTO-1390
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- <X> English Translation of PCT application No. PCT/BE00/00059 as filed (18 pages + 5 drawing sheets)
- <X> Preliminary Amendment dated December 3, 2001 (4 pages)

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<X> **Applicant claims small entity status. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2**

<X> Inventor Declaration

<X> Request to Accept Patent Application for Entering U.S. National Phase under 35 USC § 371

<X> Claim of Priority

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